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BRICKS 'n' PIECES

The official **Magazine** of the LEGO® Club

Wishing all our
Club Members a
Happy New Year!

Whow! I've
got flying
sickness!

Hiii
Jaahh!
I'm ready for
action!!!

Hey!
I can see
for miles from
up here!

So who's
been knocking
at my door?



Ninjas are here! Check out the action.



Cool building ideas! - Create your own
Winter Olympics!



Plus NEW LEGO SYSTEM Adventures &
CITY ranges!

Inside: Reviews! • Competitions! • New Models for 1999!



THE ROBBERS AND THE

For years, peace has reigned across the land thanks to the wisdom and power of Shogun Gi-Dan. He has ruled with an iron fist - helped by his loyal Samurai warriors, the trusted and noble Grey Ninjas.

They have fought to keep the unruly bands of robbers at bay by threatening war if they dare to steal the Shogun's treasure.

But now the bandits have a new leader - the cunning and dangerous Chief Kenzo, who will stop at nothing to get his hands on the precious loot!



The sneaky robbers have lots of tricks up their sleeves - equipped with tamashii flying wings, they can swoop in unseen to snatch treasure, or climb unsuspected into Samurai strongholds using strong climbing ropes.

But they'll have to beware of the clever Grey Ninjas who lie in wait for them! What's more, they'll have to dodge



rolling rocks, flying catapults, falling axes, swinging swords and a host of other tricks which the Shogun's defence have set to trap them!

Will the Shogun's treasure be saved from the greedy clutches of the bandit mob? It's all down to you!!



6093 The Fortress of the Full Moon



6013 Samurai Swordsman

6089

The Bridge
of the
Rising Sun

SHOGUN'S GOLD



THE SHOGUN'S DEFENCE:



Shogun Ci-Oah

Samurai leader. Shogun Ci-Oah is the bravest and strongest swordsman in the land. Noble and wise, he guards his treasure with help from his Grey Ninja warriors.



Grey Ninja Ito

Ito leads the Shogun's defence and will stop any thief who dares to steal the treasure as he bravely carries out missions.

THE ROBBERS:



Bandit Chief Kendo
Kendo is a mean and moody bandit chief whose men roam the land using cunning traps to steal treasure from the Samurai.



Dark Ninja Bonsai
Bonsai is the nastiest of the robbers and the one you'll love to hate! He's a nifty climber and is very sneaky when it comes to stealing treasure.



6045 Ninja Outpost

DESIGN A NINJA FLAG COMPETITION

How would you like to win a cool LEGO Ninja set?

It's easy! See how the Shogun's men (the good guys) carry blue flags and the robbers (the bad guys) have red flags? Every Ninja warrior - good or bad - carries a flag which shows his own emblem.

All you have to do is design a Ninja flag for yourself! You can use as many colours as you like and make it any size you want - as long as you can post it!

You could win one of these fab prizes:

1ST PRIZE: The top winner will get a 6089 Bridge of the Rising Sun set plus a LEGO Brick Watch

2ND PRIZE: Two 2nd prize winners will each get a 6045 Ninja Outpost set plus a LEGO Brick Watch

RUNNERS-UP: Three runners-up will each win a 6033 Ninja Expedition set plus a LEGO Brick Watch

Send your completed flag, together with your name, address and membership details to:

NINJA FLAG COMPETITION
LEGO CLUB
Wrexham
LL13 7TQ

Closing date: 28th February, 1999.

CAN YOU
THINK OF
A
DESIGN?



The Ancient Art of being a SAMURAI

The Samurai were knights of old Japan - a brave, warrior class that ruled the country for nearly 700 years, who fought for control and to keep outsiders away.

The name 'SAMURAI' means 'those who serve' and in old Japan, a Samurai warrior was the most skilled and deadly assassin - a lone swordsman who defended his master, the Shogun, in times of war.

During peace times, he was a romantic hero who saw the beauty in art and nature and helped to govern the country for the emperors. A Samurai was also famous for his code of honour, 'BUSHIDO', which means chivalry, or 'the way of the warrior'.

Samurai warriors were highly trained in fighting. This training began at the age of seven when boys learned to fight with wooden swords, ride horses and wrestle wearing armour.

When he was 14, a trainee Samurai was given his own warrior's armour and helmet decorated with feathers and antlers. Often the armour was gold plated and brightly coloured to show how important the Samurai was. It had dozens of layers to protect shoulders, arms and legs from sword blades.

The Samurai's wooden sword was replaced by an ornate and deadly steel sword, which became his most prized possession. Some Samurai also carried a bow and arrow.

A Samurai warrior guarded his sword as closely as the Shogun's treasure! For if his master lost his gold, the Samurai would lose honour and fail in his task!



the Adventure of the SHOGUN'S TREASURE

JAPAN, THE 17TH CENTURY. THE SHOGUN RIDES UP TO THE SAMURAI FORTRESS, AND A SNEAKY NINJA FOLLOWES HIM.

UNSEEN, THE NINJA CLIMBS THE FORTRESS WALL AFTER THE SHOGUN'S TREASURE.

DOJO AND KATA.
I NEED YOU, MY MOST TRUSTED SAMURAI, TO DO ON A DANGEROUS MISSION.

AS YOU WISH
HONORABLE SHOGUN.

BUT FIRST WE
MUST STOP AN
INTRUDER.

THE FORTRESS'S SECRET CHUTE
WILL DROP ROCKS ON ANY NINJA CLIMBING THE WALL.

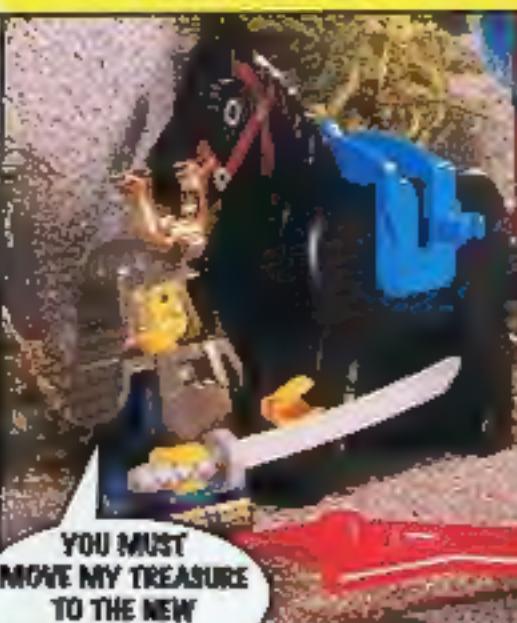
YOU MAY HAVE
STOPPED THE NINJA FOR THE
MOMENT... BUT BEWARE,
SAMURAI, THE NINJA WILL
TRY AGAIN!

GOT
HIM!!

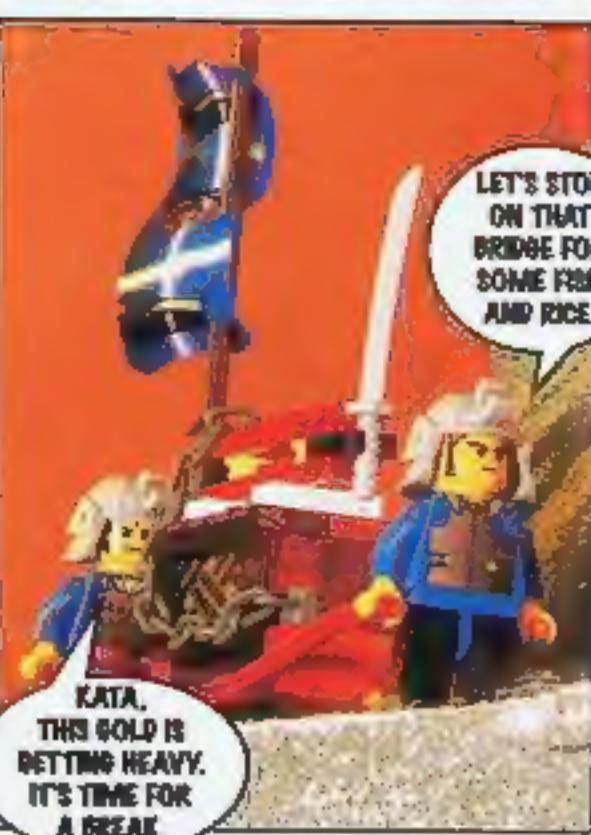
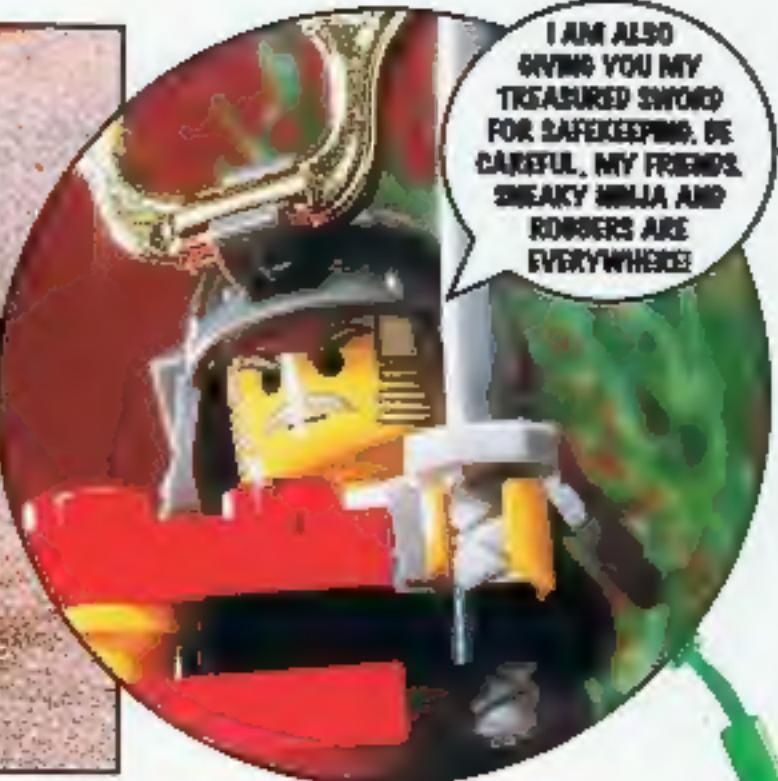
CRASH!

I'LL BE
BACK!

THE SAMURAI LOAD A TREASURE CHEST READY FOR THEIR EXPEDITION



YOU MUST MOVE MY TREASURE TO THE NEW FORTRESS.



THE NINJA DELIVERS THE PRICELESS SWORD TO THE EVIL ROBBER KENDO.



DOJO AND KATA
SENSE DANGER AS
THEY APPROACH
THE DOORS OF THE
ROBBER BARON'S
STRONGHOLD



WITH CAT LIKE MOVES KATA DODGES THE SWINGING BLADES,
RETRIEVES THE SWORD AND COMES FACE TO FACE WITH THE NINJA

AS DOJO AND KATA
RACE TO RETURN
THE SHOGUN'S
PREZED SWORD
DISASTER STRIKES...



Earthquake

I'VE GOT THE
SWORD!

EEEAAH!

WHAT'S
HAPPENING?

EARTHQUAKE!



THE EARTHQUAKE HAS LEFT THE BRAVE SAMURAI TRAPPED
BETWEEN A CLIFF AND SOME BAD GUYS...YIKEM!



Happy New Year from our LEGO WORLD CLUB Friends in the USA!

All over the world, kids love building with LEGO bricks. As a special New Year treat,

let's take a look at some of the fantastic LEGO models our cousins in the USA have been building ...

WITH ONLY SECONDS TO SPARE, THE ADVENTURER SWOOPS DOWN FROM THE SKY TO RESCUE THE STRANDED SAMURAI

THE ROBBERS ARE MOOVIN' IN. I'VE GOTTA ACT QUICKLY!

THEY'RE GETTING AWAY!

FASTEN YOUR SEATBELTS AND HANG ON!

I HOPE THE FOOD IS GOOD ON THIS FLIGHT.

TO THANK HIM FOR HIS DARING RESCUE, THE SHOGUN REWARDS THE ADVENTURER BY MAKING HIM AN HONORABLE SAMURAI

THANKS THAT HELMETS COOL!

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS SAMURAI HELMET.

THANK YOU.
I AM HONORED. BUT I
HAVE TO TAKE OFF NOW AND
GET READY FOR
MY NEXT NINJA
SURPRISE.

The End!



CARL MARTIN AGED 11 FROM MARYLAND



CHRIS NICHOLS AGED 12 FROM INDIANA



BRITTON CLUFFE AGED 12 FROM CONNECTICUT



GIP WILEMAN AGED 11 FROM MICHIGAN

Carl designed this magnificent creation called **AQUA HYDRO WARBASE**. He's a big LEGO fan and especially likes the good guys, the Hydronauts. When he's not in the Aquazone, Carl likes to fly his UFOs in space. He has been building with LEGO since he was 5 and says: "LEGO takes you places where you've never been!"

Chris has been a LEGO fan for 9 years and his favourite models are from the Castle range. The model in the picture is a **Planet LEGO Search and Recovery**, which he built with a working drill to search for crystals and energy sources. Chris asks for a LEGO set every holiday because "LEGO is the best toy in the world!"

Britton is MAD about LEGO Space because it's his favourite place for adventures. We think his **Air Station Firebird** model is great - it includes a mini plane that attaches to a larger air fighter. And his message to his building buddies in the UK is: "Keep up the building!"

Chip has designed a moving monorail as his best ever LEGO model because he loves monorails! He's also a big fan of LEGO Space and builds LEGO whenever he has any spare time. Chip's quite an expert as he's been creating his own LEGO models since he was just 4. He says: "Happy New Year LEGO friends across the world and remember to play with your LEGO!"

WINTER Olympics

A MEMBER'S
COOL
BUILDING
IDEA!



Building-crazy Club member Jamie McGarry has sent us this brill building plan for a Winter Olympics Team.

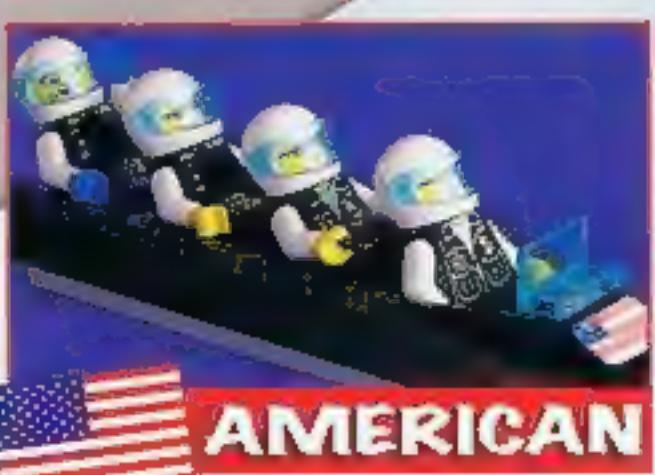
These cute models are all his own designs - and we think they're great!

Well done Jamie!

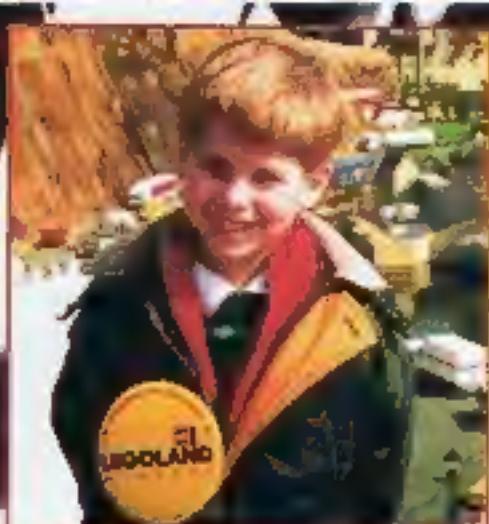
Jamie, who is 10 and lives in Conwy, North Wales, has been building with LEGO since he was just three years of age. His favourite LEGO SYSTEM range is Aquanauts, but he also likes to create his own models using bricks and elements from lots of different sets.

Jamie was watching winter sports on TV when he first got the idea to create his own Winter Olympics team.

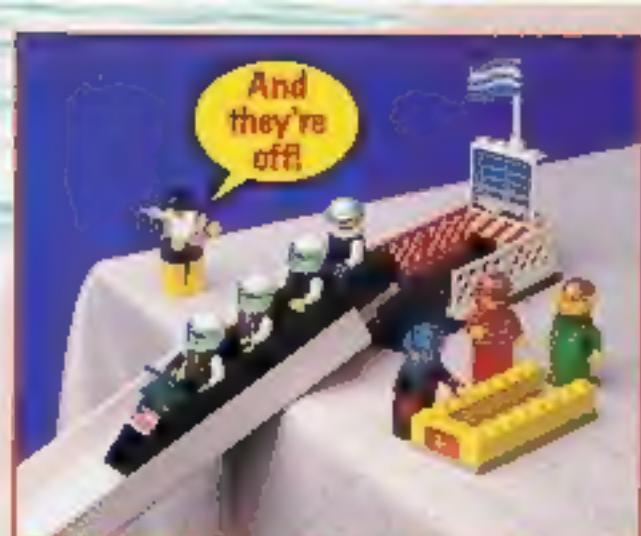
We're leading by 5 seconds - heads down men!



He says: "I was playing with my LEGO Formula 1 cars when I lost a wheel and I thought that if I could find a slippery surface, they would make great toboggans!"



NAME: Jamie McBarry
FROM: Conwy, North Wales
D.O.B.: 05.04.88
FAVOURITE HOBBY: Anything to do with LEGO!
FAVOURITE FOOD: Sausages
FAVOURITE LEGO MODEL: Aquanauts



Jamie's Mum suggested a curtain rail, Jamie drew some flags and - hey presto! There were five toboggan teams - from the UK, Canada, USA, Switzerland and Germany - ready to thrash it out down the icy white slopes!

GO! GO! GO!

The British are holding on to the lead by 0.37 seconds - It's gonna be close!



Share Your Ideas!

Have you designed a LEGO model you want to share with other Club members?

Why not send it in to Bricks'n'Pieces magazine - if we use your idea, we'll send you a special LEGO Goody Bag!

ONE MAN BOBSLEIGH



DOWN HILL SKIING!



New Year Lucky Dip

We've got lots of great prizes to give away in our **LEGO Lucky Dip!**

To win one, simply send in your name and membership details and we'll enter you in the draw!

The first 25 names pulled out of the barrel will each get:

A Man Utd. Football Shirt signed by soccer ace Andy Cole

PLUS

A LEGO Brick Watch worth £20



How about that for a great New Year treat!!!
Hurry and enter!!!

Mysterious Master Builders

A BIG well done to all of you whose models are shown here - you all win one of our Master Builder Certificates.

Edward Grahame, aged 8, from Stourport-on-Severn, has built this brilliant model of a Viking long boat. He calls it 'The Vikings have landed!'



Well done to 8-year-old Andrew Green, of Trysull, near Wolverhampton, who enjoyed building this LEGO Hovercraft. All he needs is a LEGO captain to take!



What an imagination. 5-year-old Elliott Higgins has! His model of a Time Cruiser is out of this world! Keep up the building, Elliott!



This realistic version of the Empire State Building has been sent in by 7-year-old Craig Scott, of Northumberland. Craig says he built it after visiting Miniland at LEGOLAND Windsor on a Club Days weekend.



Hosing Chung, aged 13, of Bognor Regis, really went to town when he built this impressive robot. He calls it his Intergalactic Insectoids-UFO Destroyer Robot - and we can see why!

Builders



Doesn't Andrew Manson of Guiting Oxford look pleased with himself? We think his LEGO spaceship is really fab! Well done, Andrew!

We wouldn't want to mess with this LEGO High model of Owain Glyn Dŵr created by Lestyn Meallorw, aged 8, from Bangor, North Wales. What a mean-looking face he has!

Little Matthew Stone of Neath, Wales, looks very proud of his robotic dinosaur, inspired by the movie Jurassic Park. And rightly so, we think. He deserves a pat on the back!



Luke Wood, aged 11, of Bradford Hill, West Midlands, has re-created the titanic out of LEGO bricks! We bet this ship won't go down so easily! Well done, Luke!



Here's who got the prize of £100 from Adam Sketty, aged 5, from Cheshire. Adam couldn't decide between his Father Christmas and his Robot Soldier sent in both! Well done, Adam!

Send a photo of your LEGO model to Master Builders, LEGO Club, LEGO UK, Wrexham LL13 7TG.

Remember to include your name, address, age, membership number and model name! (Sorry, pictures cannot be returned)



ADVENTURERS

Deep in the jungles of Central America, the Indian Sun Disk is buried - but our heroes exactly where? Sam and his team are searching for the lost treasure, but they're not alone! The jungle is full of danger, and Max Villain is on the loose.

We're bound to find treasure here, just watch out for that big spider!

This river's too fast! I need to try and slow down!

Max Villain (5951)

A useful way of reaching the remote areas of the jungle, this lightweight river raft is just what Max needs.

The Great Adventure (5956)

This mean-looking balloon will soon get Sam and his team into the jungle. Use it on water on land or high in the skies - depending on how you build it.

THERE'S D

Senior Gomez's Expedition (5953)

Intruders get more than they bargained for when they try to enter this temple! A deadly Spider's Web and a lethal axe trap are among the evil snakes to keep them out.

LOOK OUT

EASY TO BUILD
AND CHANGE

Check out this Dolphin - it's so fast it's keeping up with us!

Police Harbor Patrol (5955)

Easy to build and change, this model has its own highly trained police crew and really floats - great in an emergency!

Step on it! The sharks almost got him!

SYSTEM including some easy-build modular sets for extra speed!

Masked Ruler (5906)

What an impressive headress the Ruler of the Jungle is wearing. Just the job to frighten off thieves who try to steal the treasure.



TVcopter (6425)

This speedy heli-copter will get you to an emergency in the nick of time!

This is hot camera footage for the News tonight!

It's 6.30am and LEGO SYSTEM City is awaking to a new day.

All over town, people are going off to work, on the roads, in the air and on the river that runs through the City.

It's been a while since the Coast Guard was called out - but today that will all change. They'll be glad they're ready for any emergency.

What happens is up to YOU! It's YOUR LEGO SYSTEM City and it's time for action!!

Coast Guard Centre (6435)

Complete with various vehicles - including a boat that really floats - plus emergency helicopter and a stretcher, this is the perfect base for the Coast Guard as they work to help injured people.



Available Soon.

SPACE PORT 1999!

A deadly meteor storm is threatening the Earth and the future of life as we know it!

Brave astronauts from the Space Port set out to save the day.

Can they re-direct the meteor and neutralise the dangerous threat? Are they in time to save the world?

Space Port - in the next issue of Bricks 'n Pieces magazine in the shops NOW!



LEGO SYSTEM



LEGOLAND
WINDSOR

LEGOLAND Windsor was buzzin' with SECRET AGENTS at the last Club Weekend!

Club Members came in their hundreds - but they had to keep their identities hidden to gain SECURITY CLEARANCE TO ZONE 2...

Some wore clever disguises of big black moustaches and dark glasses, and others dressed up in really wacky outfits. Even their friends were fooled!

It was a brilliant weekend with loads of exciting things to see and do. There were building challenges, top secret model previews and lots of LEGO bricks to play with.

See if you can spot yourself in our photo round-up.

Let us know and you could win a prize!

Club Days



SPOT THE SPIDER

3 WINNERS

Simon McLoughlin from Dublin
Peter Thatcher from Preston
Ian Smith from Worcester
each win Insectoid Space Swarm (6969)

competition winners

5 RUNNERS-UP

A Farr from Preston
Lawrence Cleveland from Essex
Christopher Toad from Bury
Ben Shires from Mid Glamorgan
Sam Coates from Malvern
each win Insectoid Mantis Scavenger (6837)

Are you Moving House?

Don't forget to tell us if you move to a new address. We need to know where to continue sending your Club magaz! You can write to us at the usual Club address:

LEGO Club
LEGO UK
Ruthin Road
Wrexham LL13 7TQ



Long live the King.

In the last issue Biker Bob spilled the beans on LEGO Creator™, but you still can't get enough of these new PC CD-ROM products, so for LEGO Chess™ we've gone right to the top. Check out this exclusive interview with the main man himself...



Q

Thank you for taking time out from helping people play LEGO Chess. Tell us what it's like.

A

Man, it's just so cool. I flick between all the different board environments, viewing games from any angle I like and helping people make wicked chess moves. Then I just sit back and watch all the funny animated sequences between pieces.

Do battle with mini-figures from LEGO SYSTEM™ themes : Western and Pirates

Q

Wow, but isn't Chess really hard?

A

It's as hard as you want it to be and more fun than you can imagine. Just say the word and the secrets of every Chess piece are yours. You'll get so good you'll start challenging friends to games over the Internet. Talking of which, have you checked out our website, it's packed with loads of tips and information.



Q

Cool! Just one last question King... What's your favourite thing about LEGO Chess?

A

Well, my brilliant tutorials of course!

available now!

Look out for next issue for an exclusive interview with software designer who takes you through the top secret mission.



